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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0442

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:       | ) |                        |
| Yasunari IKEDA et al.       | ) | Group Art Unit: 2662   |
| Application No.: 09/936,337 | ) | Examiner: Unknown      |
| Filed: January 22, 2002     | ) |                        |
| For: TRANSMITTING APPARATUS | ) | Confirmation No.: 4165 |
| AND METHOD AND PROVISION    | ) |                        |
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

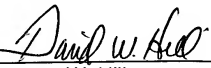
According to our records, the above-identified application was filed on January 22, 2002. To date, Applicants have not received an Office Action in connection with this application.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 20, 2005

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